

**Building English Vocabulary**  
**Book 1**

Bus Crab Fly  
Train Ink

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## Bus

Bali goes to school by **bus**.

The Number 9 **bus** goes to Bali's basti.

Sometimes Bali gets a seat in the **bus**.

Sometimes the **bus** is very crowded.

Then, Bali has to stand in the **bus**.



## Bottles

I found ten glass **bottles** today.  
I sold them for a rupee each.  
Plastic **bottles** don't sell for much.  
I don't pick them up.

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I carry a **bottle** of water  
when I go for work. Ma ties  
a wet cloth around the **bottle**.  
The water in the **bottle** stays cool.







## Balloon

Afzal sells **balloons**.

The **balloons** are of many colours.

Barkha bought a blue **balloon** from him.



We saw a film called “The Red **Balloon**”.

In the film, a red **balloon** followed a small boy wherever he went.



# Big

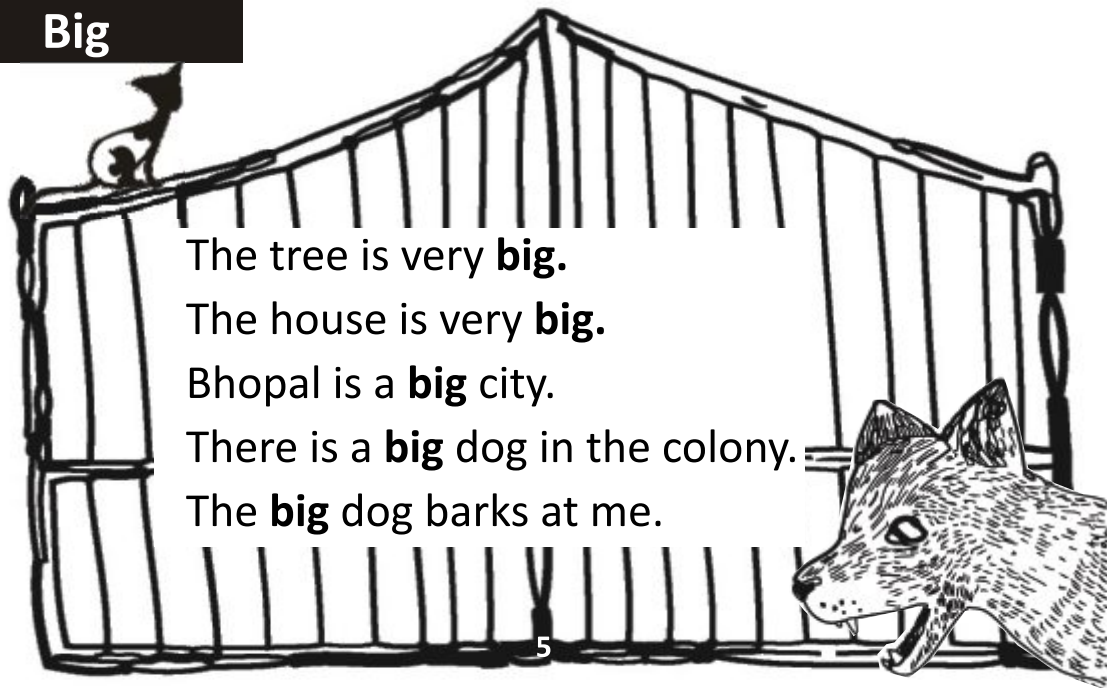
The tree is very **big**.

The house is very **big**.

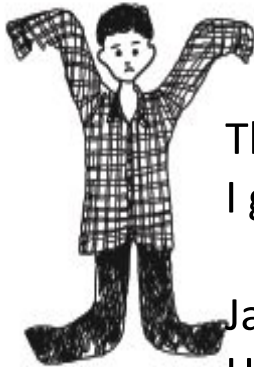
Bhopal is a **big** city.

There is a **big** dog in the colony.

The **big** dog barks at me.



## Big



The clothes were **big** for me.  
I gave the **big** clothes to my brother.

Jassu found a **big** metal pipe.  
He sold it for 100 rupees.

Prabha is not a **big** girl.  
She should not marry now.



## Brother



Bipen has one **brother**.

Bidiya has three **brothers**.

Bipen's **brother** gave him money  
for a new pencil.

Bidiya helps her **brothers**  
with their home work.



## **Recognize and know these words**

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

**big**

**brother**

**ball**

**bat**

**crab**

**bus**

**beat**

**bite**

**bird**

**job**

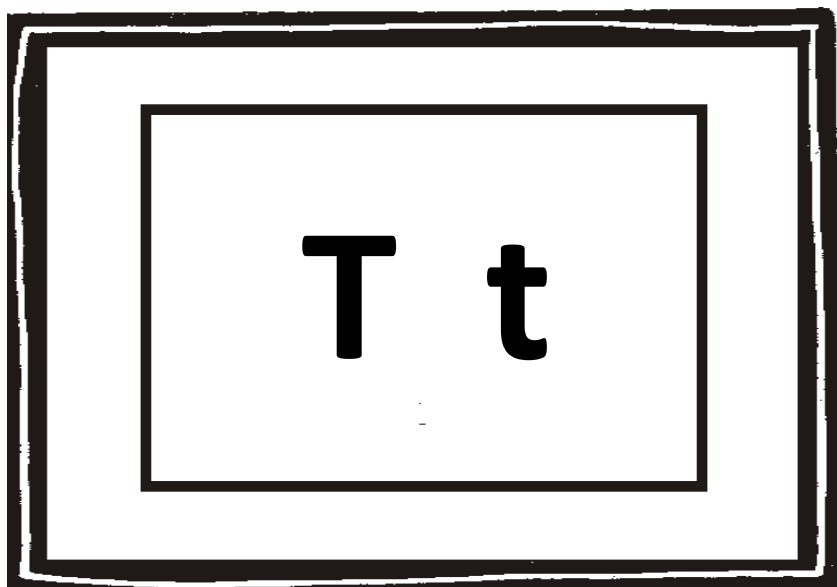
**balloon**

**bottle**

**boat**

**boy**

**baby**





**Today**

**Today** is a holiday.

I will help my mother at home **today**.

I will also go to the market **today**.

My mother will buy chappals\*  
for **us today**.



\*slippers

## Train



Tina went by **train** once.

She was scared to go to the **train's** bathroom.

Let's go to Itarsi by **train**.

We don't have money for bus tickets.

It is cheaper to go by **train** than by bus.





## Train

We are waiting for the **train**. The **train** is late.

I watch the other **trains** that come to the station.

A very long **train** pulled into the station.

It was going to Trivandrum.

I asked the guard, “When will your **train** reach Trivandrum?”

“Forty hours”, he said. “You want to come?”





## Tree

The jaamun **tree** is very big.

Priya can climb the jaamun **tree**.

Baala can climb the jaamun **tree** and the coconut **tree**.

There is a ber **tree** in our basti.

It is not very big. But we don't climb it.

It has many thorns.





## Tree

We sit under the **trees** in summers.  
Sometimes, we play under the **trees**.  
We put our sacks down and rest under  
the **trees**.  
It is cool in the shade of the **trees**.  
I fall asleep in the shade of the **trees**.



## Tired

Ma has to go very far to collect wood. She gets very **tired**.

I got up early today and went with Ma to help her.

We came back in the evening.

I was so **tired** that I fell asleep.

Ma woke me up after she finished cooking. We ate together.





## Tin

My father buys old containers made of **tin**.

He makes **tin** sheets from the containers.

He cleans the **tin** sheets.

He makes **tin** cans, **tin** sieves, **tin** boxes.

He has special tools to work with **tin**.

He says he will teach me in the  
evenings after I come back from school.



## Ten



The man gave Majid **ten** rupees.  
Majid bought ice cream with it.  
He ate the ice cream and sneezed **ten** times.

Neha's little sister has **ten** teeth.  
Neha's Dada\* also has **ten** teeth.

I am waiting for the **10** number bus.  
It will come in **ten** minutes.

\*paternal grandfather



## Ten

I come to school at **ten** o' clock.

Our class starts at quarter past **ten**.

I have **ten** friends in school

We play together.

My friend Sunny is **ten** years old.

Sunny's sister, Mohini is in class **ten**.



## Two goats



Baba **got two goats** from the **Saturday market**.

One was **white** and the other was brown.

My **sister** looked **after** them.

She would **get** jaamun and ber leaves for them.

The brown **goat** had **two** kids.

We sold the kids when Baba fell ill.

We needed the money for his **treatment**.





## **Recognize and know these words**

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

**tree**

**tools**

**today**

**ten**

**tin**

**tap**

**train**

**teeth**

**time**

**market**

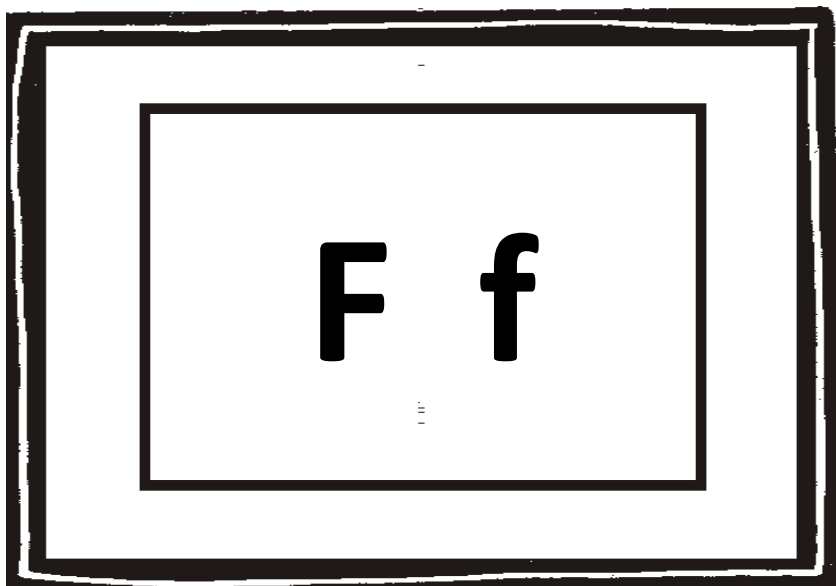
**sit**

**feet**

**get**

**goat**

**rent**





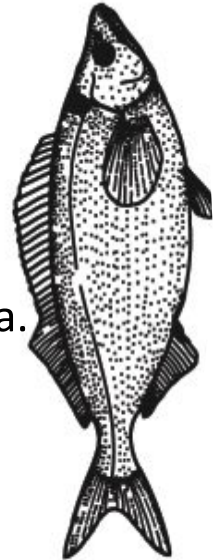
## Fish

Baba\* gets **fish** from the lake.  
He sells the **fish** in the bazaar.  
Sometimes he gets some of the **fish**  
home.

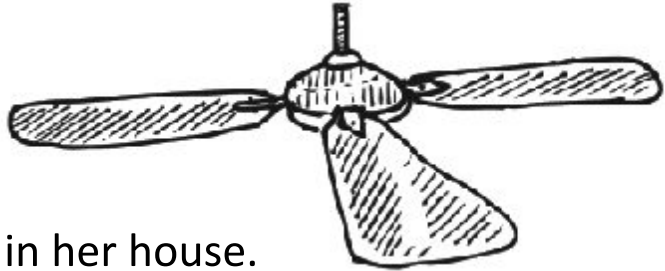
Pappu washes the **fish** and gives it to Ma.  
Ma cooks the **fish** in mustard oil.  
We all eats the **fish** with rice.



\* father



# Fan



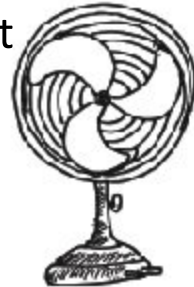
Nani has a **fan** in her house.

In summers, I sleep in Nani's house.

We turn on the **fan** at night.

When the **fan** is on, mosquitoes don't trouble us.

I sleep like a log.





# Fly



The baby sparrows are learning to **fly**.  
They flap their wings hard, and try to  
**fly** to the next branch.

Eagles can **fly** very high.  
Their wings are very big.



Let's **fly** kites.  
Will you come with me?





## Feet

Many children don't have chappals.\*

Our **feet** get hurt when we walk barefoot.

Glass goes into our **feet**.

Thorns go into our **feet**.

When it gets very hot, my **feet** burn on the road.

\*slippers



**Fire**

We collected wood for the **fire**.

The wood was wet.

It took a long time to start the **fire**.

Many jhuggis\* caught **fire** last year.

Jhuggis catch **fire** quickly because they are made of plastic, cardboard and sticks.

\*hutments



## Afraid of a frog

Farooq was always making **fun of** Farah.

One day, when Farooq was talking to his **friend**, Farah put a **frog** in his bag.

Farooq opened his bag in class and the **frog** jumped onto his desk.

Farooq got a **fright**. He screamed and jumped onto Jai's lap.

Farah **fell** off her chair laughing.





## Recognize and know these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

**fish**

**foot**

**five**

**fast**

**flour**

**fan**

**feet**

**fry**

**far**

**friend**

**fire**

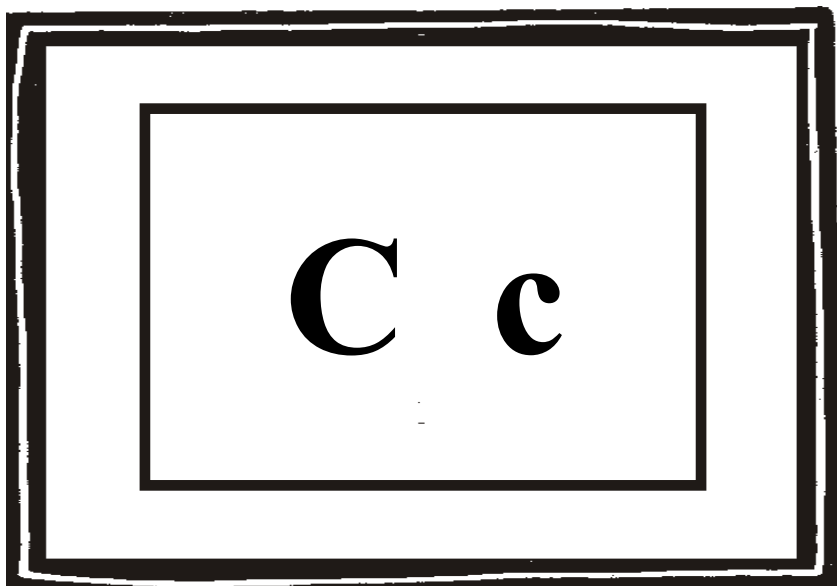
**fly**

**four**

**farm**

**fat**



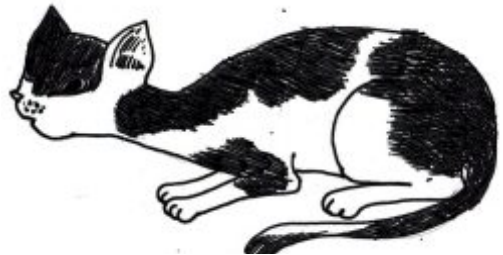




## Cat



A **cat** comes home everyday.  
The **cat** is black and white.  
The **cat** is always hungry.  
Sometimes, I get milk for the **cat**.



## Coin

I found a **coin**.

I found a **coin** on the road.

It was a five rupee **coin**.

I will give the **coin** to Savita Didi.

She will keep it safely for me.



## Crab



I catch **crabs**.

I catch **crabs** in the naali.\*

I catch **crabs** with a panni.\*\*

**Crabs** are very tasty to eat.

\*rivulet

\*\*polythene bag

# Cry

I was **crying** loudly.

I was **crying** because I lost my coin.

My friend told me, "Don't **cry**."

Sometimes, my mother **cries** at night.

I tell her, "Don't **cry**."



## Recognize and know these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

**cat**

**crab**

**cry**

**coin**

**corn**

**copper**

**class**

**car**

**cook**

**clap**

**carrot**

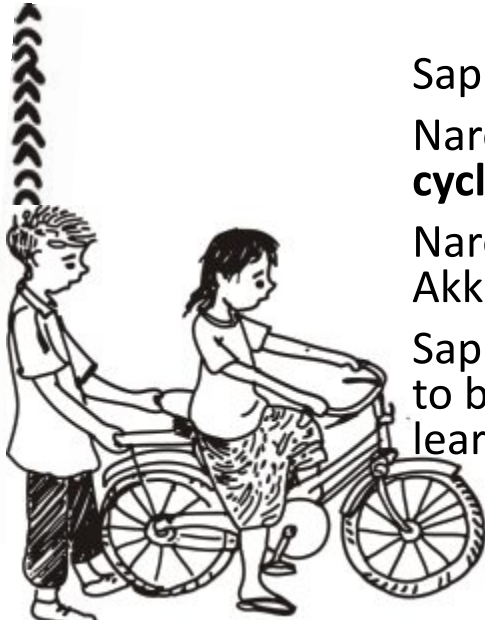
**cold**

**cup**

**cut**

**come**

## Cycle



Sapna wants to learn **cycling**.  
Naresh is teaching her to **cycle**.

Naresh learnt **cycling** from  
Akku.

Sapna's father has promised  
to buy her a **cycle** when she  
learns **cycling**.





## Cycling

We rented a **cycle** and took it across the bridge to get water.

We filled our buckets and hung them on the handle of the **cycle**.

We hurried back to the basti.

Karim wanted to get more water but we had to return the **cycle** on time.

We did not have the money to rent it for another hour.



## City

Manjana's family goes to the **city** to sell scrap.

The shops in the **city** give better rates for the scrap.

Manjana saw a beautiful mosque in the old **city**.



## Cities

Delhi is a very big **city**.

Hoshangabad is a small **city**.

Do you like to live in a **city** or a village?

My sister, Julie does not like big **cities**.

She likes to be near the forest.

My parents came to the **city** many years ago.

Now, they travel to many **cities** for work.

## Hot day

It was a very hot day.

I washed my **face** at the handpump.

Subu wet a **piece** of cloth and  
put it on his head.

We wanted to eat something cool.

Subu bought a **slice** of watermelon.

I bought an **ice** candy.





## **Recognize and know these words**

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

**city**

**cities**

**ice**

**rice**

**face**

**circle**

**cinema**

**lice**

**price**

**lace**

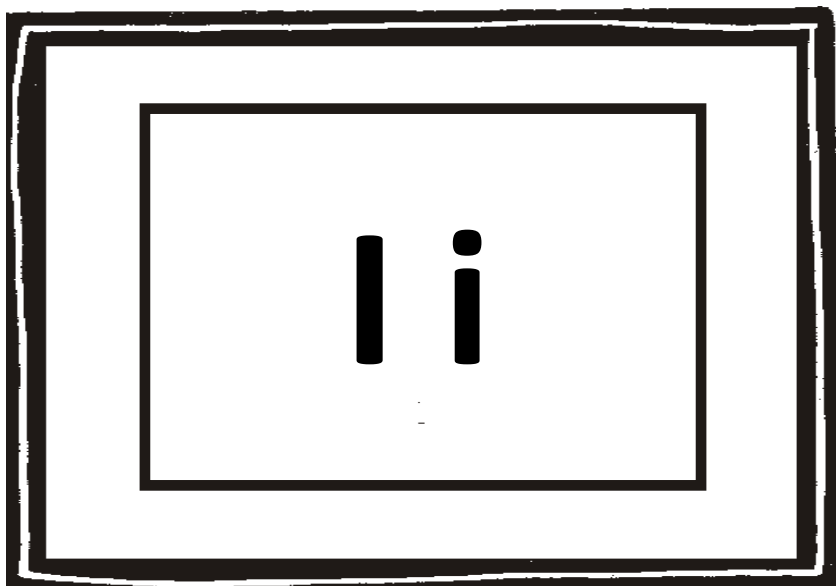
**cycle**

**circus**

**slice**

**mice**

**race**



**In**

Where is my book?  
It is **in** the green bag.  
The bag is with Madhu.



Is Madhu **in** her class?  
No, she is not **in** her class.  
I saw her sitting **in** the library.



## Important

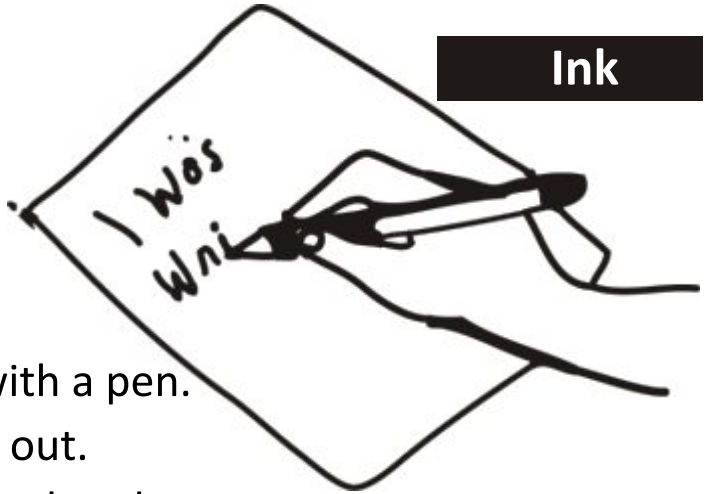
Dadi keeps the **important** papers in the trunk. I gave her my marksheet to keep it there.

It is **important** for me to go home.  
My mother is alone.  
She is not well.





## Ink



I was writing with a pen.  
The **ink** leaked out.  
I have **ink** on my hands.  
There is **ink** everywhere.



# Insect

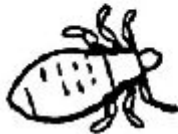
A cockroach is an **insect**.

A fly is also an **insect**.

**Insects** have six legs.

A big black **insect** bit me on my finger.

My finger is swollen.





## Recognize and know these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

**in**

**insect**

**ink**

**is**

**inch**

**important**

**if**

**inside**

**it**

**pin**

**fit**

**sit**

**bit**

**pink**

**tin**

## File

Manju has a brown **file**.  
She showed me her **file** one day.  
She had kept all her drawings in it.  
I will also keep my stories in a **file**.  
My stories will also be in one place.





## Lice

Malini has **lice** in her hair.

Sallu also has **lice**.

Hina put a special oil in their hair.

When she combed their hair, all the **lice** fell out.



## Lion



The deer could not see the **lion**.

The **lion** was hiding in the tall grass.

The **lion** suddenly pounced on the deer.

Chotu got scared and started crying.

Meena switched off the TV.

The **lion** disappeared. Chotu stopped crying.



## Recognize and know these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?



**ice**

**file**

**lice**

**fire**

**line**

**nice**

**wife**

**like**

**mine**

**mice**

**dice**

**bike**

**nine**

**mike**

**rice**

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